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## **Basketball Star Bobby Jackson to Attend Summer Basketball League DRAFT on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Opening Ceremony Date for League has Changed Due to High School Graduation Schedule*

Salisbury, NC\_June 4, 2009 – Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz and Salisbury High School Coach Andrew Mitchell, announced today that Basketball Star Bobby Jackson will be in Salisbury and in attendance at his summer basketball league “draft” on Saturday, June 13. The draft will begin at approximately 9 am at both Hall Gym and Livingstone College. The City of Salisbury is partnering with the Bobby Jackson Summer Basketball League for its second year to provide a positive summer opportunity for local youth. The program, offered to coed adolescents, sixth grade through high school, provides the opportunity to gain knowledge of basketball skills, receive coaching on career and educational decisions, acquire social etiquette, and develop character traits and positive social interaction.

Opening ceremonies have been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 16, at 6 pm. Mayor Kluttz offers, “On behalf of the Salisbury City Council, I would like to share that we are always excited to welcome Bobby back into his hometown. We look forward to his attendance at the draft and appreciate the role model that he provides for local youth. This program is quite unique as in addition to basketball, it provides excellent training in a variety of life and social skills. Bobby’s contributions to this community are greatly appreciated and we are honored by his graciousness and dedicated commitment to our Salisbury youth.” Mayor Kluttz is scheduled to speak during the league’s opening ceremonies.

Livingstone College, Salisbury High School, and Hall Gym will provide the sites for the seven-week youth league, held during June and July. Coach Andrew Mitchell shares, “Thanks to the support from Bobby and the partnership from the City of Salisbury, we are able to provide this exceptional opportunity to local youth. League attendance is only \$50 per child for the seven-week program. We encourage parents to call for more information or visit Hall Gym, 1400 W. Bank Street, for registration forms.”

A capstone graduation banquet will take place on Thursday, July 16. Coach Mitchell shares that league openings and scholarship opportunities are still available. Interested individuals may contact Coach Andrew Mitchell at [andrewmitchell55@carolina.rr.com](mailto:andrewmitchell55@carolina.rr.com) or call (704) 267-1122 or (980) 234-8044 for more information.

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